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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0275

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Susan I. SHELSON

Application No.: 09/753,448

Filed: January 4, 2001

For: EXPANSION-ASSISTING
DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
SELF-EXPANDING STENT

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: K. Landrem

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Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 19, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	44	-	28	16	x \$ 18	\$ 288.00
Indep.	5	-	3	2	x \$ 84	168.00
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Subtotal						\$ 456.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-0-
TOTAL						\$ 456.00

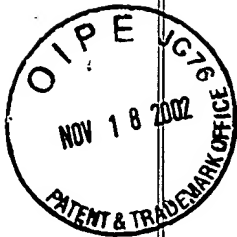
☒ A fee of \$456.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.☒ A check for \$456.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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02 FC:1201

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168.00 OP

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-14, 16, and 17, and add new claims 29-44, as follows:

1. (Amended) A delivery system for a self-expanding stent, the delivery system comprising:

a catheter having a distal end, the catheter being configured to retain a self-expanding stent proximate the distal end, the catheter including

a tubular member including a first marker band proximate a position corresponding to a leading end of a self-expanding stent, a second marker band

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